

to sovereignty relating to Iraq from Marc I. Grossman, Under Secretary for Political Affairs, Francis J. Ricciardone, Ambassador to the Philippines, Coordinator for Iraq Transition, and Major General Charles E. Williams, USA (Ret.), Director, Overseas Buildings Operations, all of the Department of State; and Lieutenant General Claude Kicklighter, U.S. Army (Ret.), CPA Transition Chief, Baghdad, Iraq.

POSTAL REFORM

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee resumed hearings to examine U.S. Postal Service reform issues, focusing on sustaining the 9 million jobs in the \$900 billion mailing industry, after receiving testimony from Ann S. Moore, Time, Inc., New York, New York; Mark Angelson, RR Donnelley, Chicago, Illinois; Christopher W. Bradley, Cuddledown, Inc., Portland, Maine; Max Heath, Landmark Community Papers, Shelbyville, Kentucky, on behalf of the National Newspaper Association; William J. Ihle, Bear Creek Corporation, Medford, Oregon, on behalf of Harry and David and Jackson and Perkins; and Shelley Dreifuss, Postal Rate Commission, Washington, D.C.

YEAR ROUND COLLEGE

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee concluded a hearing to examine advantages and impediments in relation to a year round college calendar, focusing on the costs of higher education, financial aid, Pell Grants, and Stafford Loans, after receiving testimony from Stephen Joel Trachtenberg, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.; India McKinney, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee; Michael L. Lomas, Dillard University, New Orleans, Louisiana, on behalf of the United Negro College Fund; Virginia S.

Hazen, Dartmouth College, Hanover, New Hampshire; and Margaret Heisel, University of California, Berkeley.

ERIC AND BRIAN SIMON ACT

Committee on Veterans Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 1509, to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide a gratuity to veterans, their spouses, and children who contract HIV or AIDS as a result of a blood transfusion relating to a service-connected disability, after receiving testimony Douglas B. Simon and Eric M. Simon, both of Veseli, Minnesota.

INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to call.

MEDICARE DRUG DISCOUNT CARD

Special Committee on Aging: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the new Medicare drug discount card, focusing on consumer savings, beneficiary education, implementation and outreach to low-income seniors, and how the new cards will work with existing discount programs, after receiving testimony from Dennis Smith, Acting Administrator, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, Department of Health and Human Services; Craig L. Fuller, National Association of Chain Drug Stores, Alexandria, Virginia; Forest Harper, Pfizer, Inc., New York, New York; and James Firman, National Council on Aging, Karen Ignagni, American Association of Health Plans, and Mark Merritt, Pharmaceutical Care Management Association, all of Washington, D.C.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 11 public bills, H.R. 3914–3924; and; 1 resolution, H. Res. 551, were introduced.

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Additional Cosponsors:

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

S. 1881, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections relating to the amendments by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002, amended (H. Rept. 108–433);

H.R. 3717, to increase the penalties for violations by television and radio broadcasters of the prohibitions against transmission of obscene, indecent, and profane language, amended (H. Rept. 108–434); and

H. Res. 552, providing for consideration of H.R. 339, to prevent frivolous lawsuits against the manufacturers, distributors, or sellers of food or non-alcoholic beverage products that comply with applicable statutory and regulatory requirements (H. Rept. 108–435).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Burns to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today.
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Recess: The House recessed at 12:53 p.m. and reconvened at 2 p.m.
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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Sense of the House regarding the earthquake that occurred in San Luis Obispo Co., CA on 12/22/03: H. Res. 519, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives with respect to the earthquake that occurred in San Luis Obispo, Co., CA, on 12/22/03, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 404 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 42;

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Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Malden Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3536, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 210 Main Street in Malden, Illinois, as the "Army Staff Sgt. Lincoln Hollinsaid Malden Post Office";

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Army Pvt. Shawn Pahnke Manhattan Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3537, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 185 State Street in Manhattan, Illinois, as the "Army Pvt. Shawn Pahnke Manhattan Post Office";

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Marine Capt. Ryan Beaupre Saint Anne Post Office Building Designation Act: H.R. 3538, to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 201 South Chicago Avenue in Saint Anne, Illinois, as the "Marine Capt. Ryan Beaupre Saint Anne Post Office";

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Congratulating the Detroit Shock: H. Res. 392, congratulating the Detroit Shock for winning the 2003 Women's National Basketball Association championship, by a 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 401 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 43; and

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Congratulating the San Jose Earthquakes: H. Res. 475, congratulating the San Jose Earthquakes for winning the 2003 Major League Soccer Cup, by a yea-and-nay vote of 399 yeas with none voting "nay", Roll No. 44.

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Suspensions—Proceedings Postponed: The House completed debate on the following measures to suspend the rules. Further proceedings were postponed until Wednesday, March 10.

Medical Devices Technical Corrections Act: S. 1881, amended, to amend the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to make technical corrections re-

lating to the amendments by the Medical Device User Fee and Modernization Act of 2002; and

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Sense of Congress that "Kids Love a Mystery" is a program that works and should be encouraged: H. Con. Res. 373, expressing the sense of Congress that Kids Love a Mystery is a program that promotes literacy and should be encouraged.

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Recess: The House recessed at 3:31 p.m. and reconvened at 6:30 p.m.
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Presidential Messages: Read a letter from the President wherein he transmitted a report on implementation of PL 107–228 concerning Russian Debt Reduction for Nonproliferation—referred to the Committee on International Relations and ordered printed (108–171); and

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Read a letter from the President wherein he notified Congress of his intention to enter into a free trade agreement with the Kingdom of Morocco—referred to the Committee on Ways and Means and ordered printed (108–172).

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Senate Message: Message from the Senate appears today on page H877.

Senate Referral: S. 741 was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce and S. Con. Res. 96 was referred to the Committee on Government Reform.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on pages H927–28.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings today. There were no quorum calls.

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Adjournment: The House met at 12:30 p.m. and adjourned at 11:55 p.m.

Committee Meetings

LABOR, HHS, EDUCATION AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, Education and Related Agencies held a hearing on Teachers and Math and Science Education. Testimony was heard from Vicki Bernstein, Director, Alternative Certification, Department of Education, New York City; and public witnesses.

NONPROLIFERATION: ASSESSING MISSILE TECHNOLOGY EXPORT CONTROLS

Committee on Government Reform: Subcommittee on National Security, Emergency Threats and International Relations held a hearing on Nonproliferation: Assessing Missile Technology Export Controls.